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# Application for Provisional Appointment to the Lemon Grove Board of Education

This Application is a Public Record.

The Appointee will hold office until the next Governing Board Member Election, which occurs at the next Statewide General Election on:

November 3, 2020 [EC§ 5091(e)]

## **Qualifications:**

Applicant must be a registered voter and a resident living in the boundaries of the Lemon Grove School District. An employee of a school district may not be sworn into office as an elected or appointed member of that school district's governing board unless and until he or she resigns as an employee. (EC§ 35107)

Certification of qualifications on page 5 must be signed by the applicant.

## **Application Deadline:**

This application must be received by the Secretary to the Board/Superintendent no later than October 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. and must be postmarked on or before 10/25/19 or hand-delivered to:

Erica Balakian  
Secretary to the Lemon Grove Board of Education  
8025 Lincoln St.,  
Lemon Grove, CA 91945  
Phone: 619-825-5600

*(Please type or print)*

Name: Yajaira Preciado

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Lemon Grove

State: CA

Zip Code: 91945

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of residence within the boundaries of 28  
the Lemon Grove School District:

**\*\*Please attach or include an updated resume and any other materials you feel are relevant to assist the Board of Trustees in their decision-making for the appointment process.**

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**Please answer the following questions:**

1. Describe your educational, work and public service background.
  - Bachelor's Degree in Social Work
  - 20+ years in community service
    - Lemon Grove Little League Board Member (2015- present)
    - PTA (Monterey Heights and District Council)
    - School Site Council
    - ELAC/DELAC
    - City of Lemon Grove Community Advisory Committee
    - YWCA of San Diego: Walk a Mile in her Shoes
    - YWCA of San Diego: In the Company of Women
  
2. What skills, abilities, and experiences would you bring to the Board to assist in carrying out its responsibilities?

I have a background in Community Planning and Event Organizing.  
I am Bilingual, speak, read and write in Spanish.  
I am organized, diligent and trained in Restorative Practices.  
I am a Lemon Grove School District Alumni; I am a parent of two students.
  
3. List your involvement in the schools of Lemon Grove (memberships on committees and/or organizations, offices held, volunteer work, etc.).

2015-2016 Monterey Heights PTA Member  
2015-Present Monterey Heights School Site Council and ELAC member  
2016-2018 Monterey Heights PTA President  
2018-2019 Lemon Grove Council of PTAs President  
2019-2020 Lemon Grove Council of PTAs Treasurer  
I have also served on the District Calendar Committee in 2017, Curriculum Committee and Monterey Heights Safety Committee 2015-2016.  
I have chaperoned every field trip my 5<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> graders have attended.  
Helped at Student Council Events and volunteered to help with Photography club at Monterey Heights.
  
4. State briefly your philosophy of public education.

I believe that all children are unique and must have a stimulating educational environment where they can grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. As administrators, it is our duty to work with our Community (Parents/ Staff) to create an atmosphere where students can meet their full potential. We must strive to have open communication and to create a place where everyone feels welcomed and safe.
  
5. List, in order of importance, the major issues confronting public education in general.
  - Funding
  - Shortage of qualified teachers
  - Classroom Sizes
  - Bullying
  - Parent Involvement

6. List, in order of importance, the major issues confronting public education in the Lemon Grove School District.

- Funding
- Family Dynamics
- Shortage of qualified teachers/substitutes
- Attendance

7. As a Board member how would you determine the priorities of the District?

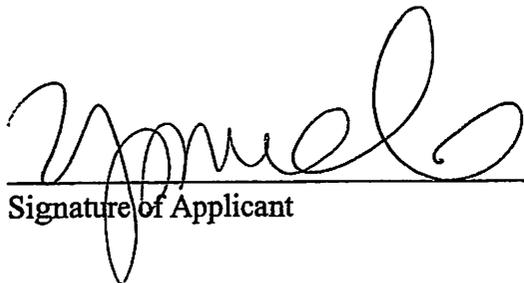
Each decision made by the Board is instrumental to the education of each and every student and staff member. However, in order to properly prioritize all the task at hand, board members need to identify and assess the urgency and importance of the issues. They need to figure out wants versus needs, and always review the effectiveness of their decisions.

8. Why do you wish to serve on the Board and what do you hope to accomplish?

I would like to help rebuild trust between the community, Staff, Parents and school board. I would like to continue to use the annual climate survey as a factor in determining what we need to do to in order to make our district open and welcoming. Teachers are our frontline workers, and deserve proper acknowledgement, for they are invaluable components to the success of our district. As a board member I would work hard to retain our remarkable teachers. It will also be important to me as member of the board, to continue celebrating our successes and communicating that to our Community. Our Schools are many times the primary reason people are attracted to our city. I wish to serve on the board because this School District has done so much for me, now it's my turn to give back.

I understand, upon appointment, I would be required to file a Conflict of Interest Statement and to take an Oath of Office.

I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Signature of Applicant

10/25/19  
Date

## Certification of Qualifications:

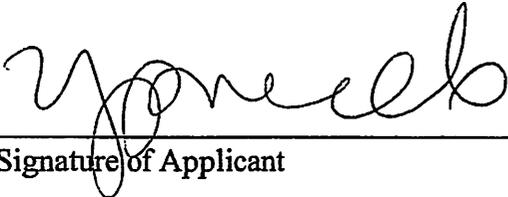
I understand that this application is a public document and may be requested under provisions of the Public Records Act and/or be available to the public on the Lemon Grove School District website.

I understand that, upon appointment, I would be required to file a Conflict of Interest statement and take an Oath of Office.

I certify I am not disqualified to hold this office because of a conviction of any of the crimes on the attached list and further certify I am not otherwise disqualified from holding public office under the California Constitution or statutes.

I certify I am a registered voter in the Lemon Grove School District and that I reside within the Lemon Grove School District boundaries.

I attest the foregoing information is true to the best of my knowledge.

  
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Signature of Applicant

10/25/19  
Date

Information contained on this application is subject to verification.

The following is a list of crimes, conviction of which precludes a person from holding public office in the State of California. Conviction of these crimes renders a person "forever disqualified from holding any office in this state."

- Bribing executive officer (Penal Code§ 67)
- Officer asking or receiving bribes (Penal Code§§ 68, 88)
- Receiving gratuity for appointment to office (Penal Code§ 74)
- Judicial Officer who has asked for or received emoluments, gratuities, rewards, or the fee of stenographer (Penal Code§ 94)
- Giving or offering bribe to Councilman or Supervisor (Penal Code§ 165)
- Misappropriation of public funds (Penal Code§ 424)
- Interference with work or discipline of, or giving certain articles to prisoners (Penal Code§ 2772)
- Interference with or giving certain articles to convicts (Penal Code§ 2790)
- Officer making contracts in which he or she is interested (Government Code§ 1097)
- Members of the Legislature convicted of any crime (Government Code§ 9055)
- Corrupting the voting process (Election Code§ 18501)

Please note that, in addition to the above restrictions, Government Code § 1126 prohibits any local agency official from engaging "in any employment, activity, or enterprise for compensation which is inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to his or her duties as a local agency officer or employee or with the duties, functions, or responsibilities of his or her appointing power or the agency by which he or she is employed."

Yajaira Preciado

Lemon Grove CA 91945

October 2019

Lemon Grove School District

To Lemon Grove School District Governing Board;

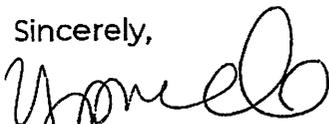
In response to your request, I have attached my Resume and have outline some of my current responsibilities, projects, initiatives and goals below.

My background in Social Work allows me to bring new ideas to incorporate with the already established goals and procedures, at the Lemon Grove School District. I am trained in motivational interviewing, grant writing, and crisis intervention. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from San Diego State University in 2011. My passion lies in working with Children and Families.

My varied and recent experiences as a community advisory group member, board member for Lemon Grove Little League, and in the school district as Parent Volunteer Coordinator, LGSD PTA Council Treasurer, Monterey Heights PTA, ELAC, DELAC, and School Site Council member, show that I am dedicated and have positioned me to bring a unique, fresh, and relevant perspective to the school board.

My long-term career goal is to return to school for my Master's in Social Work. I would like to continue working and advocating on behalf of Children as a School Social Worker. Short Term, I am looking to enroll in the San Diego State College of Extended Studies to receive a Professional Certificate in Meeting and Event Planning. Meanwhile, I enjoy volunteering in my children's school when time permits.

Sincerely,



Yajaira Preciado

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## OBJECTIVE

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Goal Oriented Social Worker looking to help serve my community by utilizing my experience, skills and knowledge in the best possible way.

## SKILLS, LANGUAGES, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

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- Bilingual: Spanish/ English (read / write/ speak)
- Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Internet
- Organized and great problem-solving skills
- Works great with teams and individually
- Experience in Social Work assisting families in domestic violence.
- Community organizing, crisis intervention and grant writing
- Able to communicate professionally
- Able to learn quickly and efficiently

## EDUCATION

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<i>Bachelors of Science in Social Work</i> <b>San Diego State University (2017)</b>	<i>[ Latino Student Social Work Association Historian]</i>
<i>Associates of Arts in General Education</i> <b>Grossmont College (2005)</b>	<i>[ Circle K Club Treasurer]</i>
<i>High School Diploma</i> <b>Helix High School (2001)</b>	<i>[ ASB, M.E.Ch.A, AVID (President) ]</i>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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December 2015-Present	<b>Parent Volunteer Coordinator</b> Monterey Heights Elementary 7550 Canton Dr. Lemon Grove, CA · 91945 · (619)825-5633 <i>Donna Willson</i> (Principal) <i>[ Coordinate and maintain volunteer information, support school organizations, create and coordinate events, aid staff in all needs that may arise.]</i>
August 2011- December 2015	<b>Becky's House Bilingual Case Manager</b> YWCA of San Diego County 1012 C Street San Diego, CA · 92101 · (619)239-0355 <i>Olga Díaz</i> (Supervisor) <i>[Individual Case Management, Writing Case Notes. Updating Client files, advocating for clients, Group Facilitator, Asses Clients needs and make referrals]</i>
August 2010- May 2011	<b>Becky's House Bilingual Case Manager Intern</b> YWCA of San Diego County 1012 C Street San Diego, CA · 92101 · (619)239-0355 <i>Caitly Meader</i> (Supervisor) <i>[40hr Domestic Violence Training, Domestic Violence Hotline, Crisis Intervention, Case Management, Micro/Mezzo/Macro Group facilitator]</i>

## VOLUNTEER

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2015-Present	Monterey Heights Elementary School SSC, PTA, ELAC – various positions
2015-Present	Lemon Grove Little League Board- Secretary, Team Parent Coordinator
2017-2019	City of Lemon Grove Community Advisory Commission- Chairperson
2011-2013	YWCA of San Diego "In the Company of Women" - Greeting, Check in table.
October 2010, 2011, 2013	YWCA of San Diego County "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" - Crossing Guard

# San Diego State University

The Trustees of The California State University  
upon recommendation of the Faculty  
have conferred upon

**Yajaira Preciado**

the Degree of

**Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Social Work**

with all rights, privileges and honors thereunto appertaining.

Given at San Diego State University this  
twenty-fourth day of May, two thousand and eleven.



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October 14, 2019

RE: Letter of Reference for Yajaira Preciado

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been acquainted with Ms. Preciado since I was her Field Placement Supervisor through the San Diego State University School of Social Work in 2010. She subsequently became a full-time employee at the YWCA of San Diego County under my supervision upon her graduation, and remained a wonderful colleague until I left the organization in 2012. Yajaira was a truly valued member of our team, supporting survivors of domestic violence and their children with empowering supportive services and the greatest of professional care. Ms. Preciado was always dependable, honest, hard-working, and truly committed to providing the highest quality of service to the vulnerable women and children we served.

In my experience, Ms. Preciado was a model of teamwork and has worked collaboratively within our staff to resolve concerns and issues. She does an excellent job in facilitating communication and always represented our organization's interests in a smart, professional, and caring way. She has consistently shown a thoughtful commitment to the betterment of the community and to civic participation and selfless leadership.

Working with Yajaira closely for many years, I can say that she has a wonderful ability to think critically as well as to find compassionate solutions to every day challenges. She handles these with grace and always works to ensure people feel heard and respected. It is my sincere belief that Ms. Preciado has the potential for dedicated leadership in the community and I am proud to provide Yajaira with my highest recommendation.

Please feel free to contact me at (619) 955-2762 or [caity.meader@fstc.net](mailto:caity.meader@fstc.net) with any questions regarding this recommendation.

In Service,

Caity Meader, Chief Executive Officer  
Family Services of Tulare County





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October 22, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

As a board member of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District (LMSV), I would like to give my highest recommendation of Yajaira Preciado for the Lemon Grove School District Board of Education.

Mrs. Preciado is an amazing mother of two children in the district. Since 2015, she has faithfully served as a member of the Monterey Heights Elementary PTA, District Council PTA treasurer, as well as ELAC and DELAC. In addition to her extensive school and district level volunteer experience, Yajaira is a devoted community volunteer. I believe Yajaira's varied perspectives and passion for her community make her an ideal school board member for the Lemon Grove School District.

November 2018, Yajaira came within 51 votes of winning the election with 3,509 votes from the residents of Lemon Grove. The community wanted her to be a voice at the table that they feel is missing. Mrs. Preciado also had the support of the CSEA 280 and the Lemon Grove Teachers' Association.

Yajaira is a well-respected leader and a powerful voice for young parents. As a social worker, parent and volunteer she is a fierce advocate for children and believes that students should be at the center of all school and district level decisions. Mrs. Preciado has championed the district's commitment to equity, honesty, integrity and respect. Yajaira going from being an LGSD alum to parent to volunteer exemplifies the district vision: "Lemon Grove Learners are tomorrow's leaders, workers, and citizens."

I am pleased to give my highest recommendation of Yajaira Preciado. I can't imagine a better candidate for the Lemon Grove School Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chardá Fontenot".

Chardá Fontenot, CLC, CLE, CBE

Trustee Board of Education

La Mesa-Spring Valley School District